

Iberia Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Iberia	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	23.6%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	31.8%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	9.2%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,833	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.2%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	6.2%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	12.4	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	75.4%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	69.9%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	10.0%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	18.0%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	10.9	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	404.0	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	349.4	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	1.3*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	224.4	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	224.4	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	28.6	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	35.4	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	34.0	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	35.4	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	6.4	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.2	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 4	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	24.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI > 30 (adults 20+)	28.1%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	71.6%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	86.6%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	76.0%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA = Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

The parish of Iberia possesses a special charm, with its many points of interest attracting widespread attention. Organized as a parish on October 3, 1868, it is in the heart of the Evangeline country, rich in romantic history. Iberia Parish was first settled by Spanish colonists from Florida, who laid out the Old Spanish Trail to make a connecting route to their post at San Antonio, Texas. They named the area Iberia after the Iberian Peninsula (Spain). Later the French settled in the area, then the Acadians, and finally the Americans. Three of the largest salt mines in the world are located in the parish.



Iberia parish offers visitors a place where past and present mingle in true Southern splendor. From the historic district in New Iberia featuring Shadows-on-the-Teche and Episcopal Church of the Epiphany to the world famous Tabasco factory on Avery Island, Iberia Parish has something for everyone. Enjoy a quiet stroll through Live Oak Gardens on Jefferson Island or the excitement of an airboat tour on Lake Fausse Point. Indulge your passion for birding in Jungle Gardens or tour the oldest rice mill in the United States, Conrad Rice Mill. The Jeanerette Museum features a pictorial history of the 200 year-old sugar cane industry. In Delcambre, view South Louisiana's shrimp fleet. Iberia Parish also has a state park, fishing, campgrounds, fairs and festivals.

Parish Seat³New Iberia

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Jeanerette
- New Iberia

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	73,266
2003 (estimate)	74,146
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	65.1%
African-American	30.8%
Some other race.....	4.1%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.5%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	8.0%
5-14	16.9%
15-17	5.1%
18-19	3.0%
20-24	6.6%
25-64	49.0%
65 & over	11.4%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	20ft.
Land area in square miles	575
Water area in square miles	455.8

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	68°
January	60°
July	90°
Annual average rainfall	59.6 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Iberia Parish

Civilian.....	32,655
Employed	30,641
Unemployed.....	2,014
Unemployment.....	6.2%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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2. Louisiana Office of Culture Recreation and Tourism, 1998. keywords: regional information, <<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.